

FROM ACROSS THE SEA

THE ENGLISH MEDITATING AN ADVANCE INTO THE SOUDAN.

Brutal Murder of an African Slave Girl in Zanzibar—Treaty Negotiations Between Austria and Germany Nearly Completed—Other Foreign News.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Notwithstanding the

qualified denial of Sir James Fergusson last night, there is a general belief that Lord Salisbury's government meditates an advance into the Soudan, with the view of re-conquering that vast region for the Khedive and for England. The force at present engaged in upper Egypt is very small and consists largely, not of Egyptians, but of native Soudanese troops under British officers including Colonel Hotted Smith, Captain Beech of the Twentieth Hussars and Captain Besant. As Sir James Fergusson truly says, this

force is as strong enough to more than occupy Tokay; but England could not and would not prevent the Khedive from sending a much larger native force under British commanders into the Soudan. The Sudanese troops are magnificent fellows, mostly six feet at least, and of great strength. A dispatch says that the wiry but weaker devils could not stand a moment before them when it came hand to hand.

From Zanzibar comes the news of a horrible murder committed by a German named Raddatz of an African slave girl whom he got in his possession. The girl belonged to the Iwahili tribe. Raddatz

A Vienna dispatch says that the treaty negotiations between Austria and Germany are nearly concluded, but the draft of the convention will be kept secret until laid before the Parliaments of Germany, Austria and Hungary in the autumn. Meanwhile it is said the governments of the two empires will enter into preliminary negotiations with other countries, taking the Austro-German Convention as a basis, and all the treaties will be submitted to

The Catholic bishops in Austria have advised their flocks in opposition to the anti-Semitic agitation. They characterize the movement as un-Christian.

A Berlin dispatch says that Baron Soden hopes to induce Emin Pasha and Dr. Peters to take service under him as district governors in West Africa, but that Major Wissmann will not follow their example, as he means to return to Germany on the expiration of his present commission.

The presence of the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the army, after the recommendation of a royal commission

The Duke, who also rejoices in the peculiar titles of Count of Tipperary and Baron of Culloden, is a hearty man for his years, but he is old, foggyish, and altogether opposed to modern military reforms. He was opposed to the abolition of the purchase system, and he evades the new regulations of promotion by merit by permitting young artisans to enlist as private soldiers and then promoting them

The Queen is anxious to have the Duke retained, so as to keep the control of the army in the family. But there is little doubt that a Liberal administration would not be an agreeable ally, and it is in this respect as Lord Salisbury.

The statement published in *Paling* yesterday that Cardinal Gibbons had been summoned to Rome for a conference on Church questions in the United States is denied in Vatican circles. It is also stated that there is no question pending which would require his presence in Rome.

Two bishops from the United States are

**Western Rivers Overflow Their Beds
Many Washouts.**

GILA BEND, A. T., Feb. 24.—The Colorado River broke over the levee at Yuma last night. A portion of the place is a ready under water, and the damage done is estimated at \$150,000.

The Salt River rose ten feet in an hour near Phoenix, sweeping away many adobe houses. Over 1,000 people are homeless in the Salt River Valley. A ranchman

RIOTOUS STRIKERS.
A Conflict Narrowly Averted at Pennsylvania Coke Plants.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., Feb. 24.—A conflict between the strikers and non-strikers at the coke plants near Dawson was narrowly averted.

averted yesterday. A crowd of 5,000 strikers came down to get the men in the Fort Hill, Paul and Rainey plants to strike. Many of the strikers were in liquor and most of them were armed. The employees at work at the mines fled precipitately upon the appearance of the mob. No actual conflict occurred. One thousand miners in the latrobe district will be called out to-day. It is said the Clearfield mine will also be called out.

His Home Burned by Robbers.
WACO, TEX., Feb. 24.—The house of Fred. Brown, a wealthy farmer at Bosqueville, six miles from here, was burned Sunday night in his absence. A large amount of money was stolen. The fire was started by the robbers. Mr. Brown arrived home in time to save part of his property.

Government Gains in the Election
BECOMING AYES, Feb. 24.—The Government has gained several seats by the elections for members of the Chamber of Deputies. The elections were orderly.

Four newspapers have been suppressed for seditious utterances in supporting opposition candidates.

Fifteen Passengers Slightly Injured
PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 24.—In the accident to the west-bound passenger train on the Union Pacific, near Cascades, yesterday, fifteen passengers were slightly injured.

New Constitution for Brazil.
RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24.—The Assembly, amid great enthusiasm, has adopted the new constitution.

Local Weather Forecast.
For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, cloudiness and light rain this evening; winds southerly; slightly warmer.
